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Exec Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Norman Mesirow founded Mesirow and Company in 1937. He built his business gradually by building his clients' assets, and in doing so, he turned his one-man trading firm into a major regional brokerage firm; and,

WHEREAS, Mesirow and Company grew, survived a World War, and flourished despite a number of up and down markets; and,

WHEREAS, Mesirow Financial Corporation now employs more than 400 employees and is one of Chicago's leading financial services firms; and,

WHEREAS, Norman's son, Richard Mesirow, joined the firm in 1959 part-time while attending Northwestern University, and today is managing director; and,

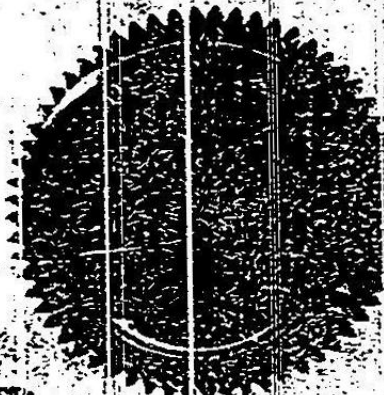
WHEREAS, Mesirow and Company began as a one-man organization and has grown to a clearing firm for some 70-80 companies, with offices located in Illinois and Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, On June 11 in Sioux Falls, a recognition luncheon will be held to recognize Mesirow Financial Corporation's 50 years in business and to honor Norman Mesirow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICHELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 11, 1987, as

MESIROW DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

George S. Michelson
GEORGE S. MICHELSON, GOVERNOR

Thomas G. Leary
THOMAS G. LEARY, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE